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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Official Office Action of April 26, 1999 relating to the above-identified United States patent application, the Patent has imposed a restriction requirement and has requested that applicant elect between two species, species I shown in Figure 1 and species II shown in Figure 5.

Applicant herein elects species I shown in Figure I. The claims readable on this species are claims 1-21, 24 and 26. This election is made without traverse.

If the Patent Office has any questions concerning this election, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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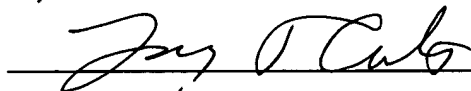
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